

Before the
TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

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In the Matter of)
Petition of AT&T for Third Party)
Testing of BellSouth's Operational)
Support Systems)

Docket No. 99-00347
OFFICE OF THE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

**PETITION TO INTERVENE OF
THE COMPETITIVE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATION**

The Competitive Telecommunications Association ("CompTel") hereby submits its petition to intervene in the above-captioned proceeding pursuant to T.C.A. § 4-5-310.

CompTel is a national association of competitive telecommunications providers. CompTel is located at 1900 M Street, NW, Suite 800, Washington, DC 20036. Many of CompTel's members provide telecommunications services within the State of Tennessee.

There is good cause to allow CompTel to intervene in this proceeding, which will consider requiring independent third party testing of BellSouth's Operations Support Systems ("OSS") in Tennessee. Independent third party testing is necessary in order to permit the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("TRA") to meaningfully evaluate whether BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s

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("BellSouth's") OSS comply with the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and will support the development of broad-based local exchange competition in Tennessee. 1/

CompTel's members have a strong interest in ensuring that the prerequisites for local exchange competition are in place in Tennessee. CompTel's members compete now or will compete in the future with BellSouth in the Tennessee local exchange market. Accordingly, CompTel's members have legal rights, duties, privileges, immunities, and other legal interests that may be adversely affected by the outcome of this proceeding.

Many of CompTel's members are small carriers that do not have the resources to participate individually in this proceeding. In light of the impact this case will have on CompTel's members, CompTel has a direct and substantial interest in the outcome of this proceeding. Furthermore, CompTel's intervention in this docket will serve the interests of justice and will not impair the orderly and prompt conduct of this proceeding.

Accordingly, for the reasons set forth above, CompTel respectfully requests that the Commission grant its petition to intervene and permit CompTel to participate in this proceeding with all attendant rights and responsibilities; to receive copies of any notices, orders, or any other documents filed herein; and to

1/ CompTel is concurrently filing comments on AT&T's petition for third party testing of BellSouth's OSS.

have such other further and general relief as the justice of its causes may entitle it to receive. In the event this petition is granted, please designate to receive service for CompTel the person indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

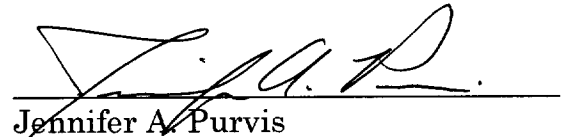
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Jennifer A. Purvis, hereby certify that on this 1st day of June, 1999, I caused to be served the foregoing petition of the Competitive Telecommunications Association in Docket No. 99-00347 on the attached active party list by U.S. Mail or overnight delivery, where indicated.


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